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1. conditions on the collective farm at
Zemblako

2. "The Zemblako Cooperative consists of about 200 hectares of arable land. Mostly maize, potatoes, grain and tomatoes are grown. There are 71 families at the kolkhoz, out of which about 300 people of both sexes work. Boys start working at the age of 8-10, young girls at 14. The workers are paid in agricultural products, and the sales profits are supposed to be divided among the kolkhoz members. Nevertheless, e.g. last year, the achieved surplus profit surpassed the allowed profit ceiling and had to be surrendered to the Government instead of being distributed among the workers promised. Most of the kolkhoz members are former small farmers; who were forced to join the kolkhoz by high taxation and coercion.

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